

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for purifying phosphoric acid, which comprises bringing phosphoric acid containing arsenic into contact with (A) hydrogen halide alone or (B) hydrogen halide in the presence of a compound capable of generating hydrogen halide under acidic conditions, wherein the compound capable of generating hydrogen halide under acidic conditions is a halide of iron (II), copper (I) or tin (II), thereby to remove the arsenic from the phosphoric acid.
2. (canceled).
3. (currently amended) The purification method of claim 1, wherein the compound capable of generating hydrogen halide under acidic conditions is added in a proportion of less than 1 wt% of a weight of the phosphoric acid.
4. (currently amended) The purification method of claim 1, wherein the compound capable of generating hydrogen halide under acidic conditions is a chloride of iron(II), copper(I) or tin(II).
5. The purification method of claim 1, wherein the hydrogen halide is hydrogen chloride.
6. The purification method of claim 1, wherein the phosphoric acid has a P₂O₅ concentration of not less than 72.4%.

Claims 7-10 (cancelled).